

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †317**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

**NEW SCHEMES FOR TRIBALS**

†317. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new policy/scheme for the economic upliftment of tribals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said policy/ scheme is likely to be implemented

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (c): Ministry does not proposes to formulate any new policy / schemefor the economic upliftment of tribals at this stage.The schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are demand driven and funding are made in various sectors including for employment-cum-income generation and covers activities such as establishment of Agro/Forest/Natural Resource based micro / village industries through training of tribal cooperatives, SHGs and individual entrepreneurs, promotion and skill development in traditional tribal culture areas like tribal jewelry, painting, dance forms, music and culinary art, Village tourism, Eco-tourism, etc.

The scheme of Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP covers various activities including procurement of MFPs when their market price falls below their notified MSP, setting up/expansion of storage facilities, expanding the knowledge base on MFP, training for sustainable collection, value addition, etc. The activities involving expanding knowledge base, training for sustainable collection, value addition, etc. are done through by the Ministry and the Central Government bears 100% of the expenditure incurred for these activities. While there is no proposal to introduce a separate scheme/policy on this matter, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

desired to brand the activities being undertaken by it under the existing scheme of Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP as “Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram”. Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram is a training and development of value chain components of the scheme of Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP.

Government is formulating Five Year Vision plan for overall development of the tribals for the next five years. Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the following schemes / programmes for overall development/welfare of Scheduled Tribes:-

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Names of Schemes / Programmes</b>
1	Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students
2	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students
3	National Overseas Scholarship for ST students for studying abroad.
4	National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students (a) Scholarship for Higher Education (earlier known as Top Class Education For ST Students). (b) Fellowship (earlier known as Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for ST students).
5	Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations Working for welfare of STs
6	Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts
7	Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
8	Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India
9	Special Central Assistance(SCA) to Tribal Sub-Scheme(TSS)
10	Grants-in-aid to Tribal Research Institutes
11	Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce
12	Support to National/State Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporations
13	Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Mechanism of marketing of Development of Value Chain for MFP
14	Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festival and Others

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